

[0013] In one embodiment, the clasp can additionally include a holder. The holder can have an inward end and an outward end that is coupled with the inner end of the housing. The holder can be configured for releasably retaining at least one object in an inwardly generally planar orientation with respect to the coiled elongate tube. As such, the clasp can retain the coiled elongate tube and object in a substantially generally planar orientation with respect to each other.

[0014] In one embodiment, the present invention can include a multi-compartment container. The container can include two separate fluid-tight compartments for storing different portions of a medical device or medical system. Generally, the first compartment can have a shape defined by a perimeter that includes at least one fixed seal and at least one peelable seal. Additionally, the shape can be defined by a first sheet comprised of at least a first material and a second sheet comprised of at least a second material. Accordingly, the first and/or second materials can include various materials that resist being punctured by a medical device, medical device sheath, and/or clasp for holding and retaining the same in a coiled orientation.

[0015] The second compartment can include the second sheet as a boundary with the first compartment and a third sheet comprised of a third material. The second compartment can be substantially the same shape and size as the first compartment or smaller in at least one dimension. The second compartment can have a perimeter that shares at least one fixed seal with the first compartment. In one instance the entire perimeter of the third sheet has a fixed seal with the second sheet. In another instance at least a portion of the third sheet includes a peelable seal with the second sheet.

[0016] In one embodiment, the present invention can include an elongate medical device packaging system. The system can include a medical device sheath, a clasp for holding and retaining the sheath, and a multi-compartment container for holding the clasped-sheath and other components of the medical device. The multiple compartments can separate the various components of the medical device during storage, transportation, and the like to prevent damage and/or contamination that may occur when one component comes into contact with another component. Accordingly, the sheath, clasp, and multi-compartment container can be substantially the same as described herein.

[0017] One embodiment of the present invention can include a method for reducing static electricity or charge in medical device and/or packaging. Such a method can include choosing an antistatic material to be incorporated into the materials that define the medical device or packaging components. Such materials can include polyethylene, high density polyethylene, and the like, which are optionally combined or impregnated with an antistatic material. The antistatic material can be a material that is non-conductive and/or an electron scavenger that readily entraps electrons from its surroundings. The device and/or packaging materials can be prepared to include the antistatic material in an amount and distribution that inhibit the generation of static electricity or charge during storage, transport, and withdrawal of the medical device from the packaging.

[0018] In one embodiment, the present invention can include a method for reducing particulate matter on a medical device. Such a method can include a process of

selecting an antistatic material to be included in the medical device and/or packaging. The medical device and/or packaging can be formed to include the antistatic materials. Also, the medical device and/or packaging can be cleansed so as to remove any particular matter. Subsequently, the medical device can be disposed in a packaging, wherein either the medical or packaging has improved antistatic properties. The medical device and packaging can be sterilized and sealed so that the medical device is in a fluid-tight compartment. The medical device and/or packaging having improved antistatic characteristics can be configured such that removal of the medical device from the packaging does not result in a substantial amount of generated static electricity or charge. Thus, the medical device can then be used in a medical procedure without having a static electricity charge that draws or accumulates particulates to the surface of the device.

[0019] These and other advantages and features of the present invention will become more fully apparent from the following description and appended claims, or may be learned by the practice of the invention as set forth herein-after.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0020] To further clarify the above and other advantages and features of the present invention, a more particular description of the invention will be rendered by reference to specific embodiments thereof which are illustrated in the appended drawings. It is appreciated that these drawings depict only typical embodiments of the invention and are therefore not to be considered limiting of its scope. Also, it should be recognized that the figures are not drawn to scale or proportion with respect to any dimensions, and the shapes illustrated should not be strictly construed and only provide general features of an embodiment of the invention. The invention will be described and explained with additional specificity and detail through the use of the accompanying drawings, in which:

[0021] **FIG. 1** is a perspective view that illustrates an embodiment of a medical device sheath being held by a clasp, wherein the clasp includes a holder configured for holding an information sheet;

[0022] **FIG. 2** is a perspective view that illustrates an embodiment of a clasp having three recesses for releasably retaining a medical device sheath;

[0023] **FIG. 3** is a perspective view that illustrates an embodiment of a clasp having a holder configured for holding an information sheet;

[0024] **FIG. 4** is a perspective view that illustrates an embodiment of a clasp having a holder configured for retaining an object in the form of a flushing needle;

[0025] **FIG. 5** is a perspective view that illustrates an embodiment of a clasp having a holder configured for retaining a flushing needle and a bar for holding two catheter retaining clips;

[0026] **FIG. 6** is top view that illustrates an embodiment of a medical device packaging system;

[0027] **FIGS. 7A-7E** are schematic diagrams depicting cross-sectional side view of different embodiments of multi-compartment medical device containers;